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APOLLO DISTRICT INTERPRETIVE PROGRAMS MARCH 2007

PLEASE NOTE: *all programs are subject to cancellation and/or rescheduling* due to staff limitations, weather conditions, or other factors. Some programs require reservations, a minimum age, or a cost-recovery fee. Call 386-428-3384 ext. 10 for program information during operating hours (9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.). Visit our website at www.nps.gov/cana. Entrance fees apply to all interpretive program participants. All programs meet the requirements for the Canaveral National Seashore Junior Ranger program.

PONTOON BOAT CRUISE: THE BACKWATERS OF MOSQUITO LAGOON

Journey with a National Park Ranger on a visit to the colorful places that lend character to this vital estuary. Our pontoon boat, *Tortuga del Sol* is U.S. Coast Guard inspected and our licensed captains and experienced mates are trained to provide you with a memorable and safe park water tour. Join us for a two-hour journey as we cruise from the Visitor Center on most Sundays at 10:00 a.m. and 1:30 p.m., weather permitting. RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED and SPACE IS LIMITED. A cost recovery fee of \$20.00 per person is charged for all passengers. Call (386) 428-3384 ext. 10 to reserve space.

THURSDAY, MARCH 8TH AND MARCH 22ND -1:00 PM-"HOOK, LINE AND SINKER" Bait, rigs and tackle tips will be discussed, along with the rules and regulations for keeping what you catch. Bring water and sunscreen. We have a few rods; feel free to bring your own. Meet at the Visitor Information Center. (2 hours)

SATURDAY, MARCH 10TH-1:00 PM-"PINE NEEDLE BASKET WEAVING"Learn the ancient art of pine needle basket weaving. Great for beginners or those looking to brush up on their skills. The materials will be provided, just bring your imagination. Meet at the Visitor Information Center. (1 hour)

- **FRIDAY, MARCH 9TH-11:00AM "LAGOON DISCOVERY"** Be a marine biologist for a day and see what kind of creatures you can catch in the lagoon. Bring water, sunscreen and bug spray. Meet at Turtle Mound. (1 hour)
- **THURSDAY, MARCH 15TH AND 29TH -1:00 PM-"FISH MOSQUITO LAGOON"**Learn tips and tricks for fishing the waters of Mosquito Lagoon. Bring your own tackle if you can, we have some supplies. Bring water and sunscreen. Meet at the Visitor Information Center. (2 hours)
- **FRIDAY, MARCH 16**TH-1:00 PM-"BEACH WALK" Join a park guide as you explore Apollo Beach. Discover the wonderful treasures which can be found if you just look. Hat, sunscreen and water recommended. Meet at the Visitor Information Center. (1 hour)
- **FRIDAY, MARCH 16**TH-10:00AM-"CLAMMING 101" Learn how to collect this delicious bivalve from the waters of Mosquito Lagoon. Gathering clams has been an activity conducted in this area for thousands of years, learn tips, techniques and recipes along with the Florida bag and size limits. Must wear covered shoes (no sandals or flip flops). Meet at the pavilion behind the Visitor Information Center. (1 hour)
- **MONDAY, MARCH 19TH-1:00PM "SEA TURTLE PREVIEW"** Join a park ranger to learn about the nesting sea turtles of Canaveral National Seashore. Discuss the results of last season and what is expected of the upcoming nesting season. Meet at the Visitor Information Center. (1 hour)
- **THURSDAY, MARCH 29TH-2:00 PM-"CASTLE WINDY WALK"** Join a park ranger as you take an easy 1 mile round trip walk down castle windy trail. Learn about the flora and fauna that make hardwood hammocks beautiful. Meet at parking area #3. Hat, sunscreen and water recommended. (1 hour)